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In addition to my previous letters (S/1994/960, S/1994/969 and S/1994/982) concerning the deteriorating situation at and around the Dubrovnik airport at Cilipi, I have to inform you of the recent developments.

Yesterday evening, at 2045 hours local time, two 155-mm howitzer shells impacted in the vicinity of the village of Mocici, only 200 metres to the south of the airport runway. There was no immediate damage. Today, at 2015 hours local time, yet another howitzer shell was fired from the direction of Bosnian Serb paramilitary positions on the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, that impacted approximately 300 metres from the sea, in the immediate vicinity of the runway. The first incident has been inspected by the United Nations Military Observer and European Community monitoring mission teams in Dubrovnik.

By the same token, I should like to express the concern of my Government with regard to the frequent artillery provocations by the Bosnian Serb paramilitary units in the vicinity of Zupanja in the Slavonia region of Croatia.

I have to emphasize that my Government considers the present situation as a threat to the security and territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia. The ongoing peace process and stability in the wider region may be jeopardized if this series of events is allowed to continue unabated. On behalf of my Government I should like to reiterate the request for the assistance of the Security Council in this matter.

I would request the distribution of the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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